

Spratt	Thurman	Watt (NC)
Stabenow	Tiahrt	Watts (OK)
Stark	Tierney	Waxman
Stearns	Toomey	Weldon (FL)
Stenholm	Towns	Weldon (PA)
Stump	Traficant	Wexler
Sununu	Turner	Weygand
Talent	Udall (CO)	Whitfield
Tanner	Udall (NM)	Wicker
Tauscher	Upton	Wilson
Taylor (NC)	Vento	Wolf
Terry	Walden	Woolsey
Thomas	Walsh	Wu
Thornberry	Wamp	Wynn
Thune	Watkins	Young (FL)

## NAYS—53

Aderholt	Gutknecht	Pastor
Bonior	Hilliard	Peterson (MN)
Borski	Hulshof	Pickett
Brady (PA)	Hutchinson	Ramstad
Brown (CA)	Johnson, E. B.	Rogan
Chenoweth	Klink	Sabo
Clay	Kucinich	Schaffer
Clyburn	Larson	Serrano
Costello	Lee	Strickland
DeFazio	Lewis (GA)	Stupak
Engel	LoBiondo	Sweeney
English	McDermott	Tancred
Filner	McNulty	Taylor (MS)
Ford	Menendez	Thompson (CA)
Gephardt	Moran (KS)	Thompson (MS)
Gibbons	Oberstar	Visclosky
Green (TX)	Pallone	Weller
Gutierrez	Pascrell	

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Carson

## NOT VOTING—36

Abercrombie	Hastings (FL)	Porter
Bateman	Hinche	Rangel
Becerra	Klecicka	Rodriguez
Conyers	LaHood	Rohrabacher
Cox	Lantos	Scarborough
Crane	McCarthy (NY)	Sherwood
Davis (IL)	McCrery	Tauzin
Dicks	Metcalf	Velazquez
Dixon	Myrick	Waters
Doyle	Neal	Weiner
Dunn	Olver	Wise
Fattah	Oxley	Young (AK)

□ 1021

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HEFLEY). Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. REYNOLDS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed bills of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 148. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds.

S. 380. An act to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 one-minutes on each side.

## REPEAL THE INCOME TAX

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is that time of year again: Tax season. Let us be honest, our current tax system is economically destructive, impossibly complex, overly intrusive, unprincipled, dishonest, unfair and inefficient. This madness must stop. That is why I will reintroduce the tax freedom bill today that will repeal the 16th Amendment to the Constitution and deny the Congress the ability to lay and collect taxes on income, except when the Congress declares war.

We must replace the current tax system based on a vision of America that places the individual, not the government, at the center of society. My bill to replace the 16th Amendment brings us one step closer to replacing the current system and restoring freedom to the American taxpayer. It is way past time to enact a tax system that embraces freedom for all Americans.

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Mr. GEPHARDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues in the Blue Dog Caucus, especially the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER), for their leadership in helping to bring campaign finance reform to the forefront of the agenda in this session.

I also want to thank the freshman Democrats who have been so helpful with this effort, and I want to thank the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MEEHAN), who have been the leaders of making this legislation come together.

This is a bipartisan issue which demands bipartisan action. Both Democrats and Republicans support the Shays-Meehan reform bill to help restore sanity to our system of political campaigns. It is a first step but we need to start somewhere, and that place is here and that place is now and that time is now.

Unfortunately, the Republican leadership of the House for the past 2 years has been dedicated to stifling these bipartisan efforts to clean up political campaigns. First it was death by amendment. Now it is death by delay. Well, it is now or never. In baseball, wait until next year is the perpetual excuse for coming in last. Wait until August is another excuse for why the

House will not pass campaign finance reform again this year.

If we want to clean up the political campaign system, now is the time and here is the chance. I urge every Member, both Democrat and Republican, to sign this discharge petition. It is a fair petition. It is a fair rule. Let us get campaign reform done now, not later.

NO CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY  
OF LIBERALS TO WAGE WAR

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I have no confidence in the ability of liberals to wage war. That is the truth that most of us believe and cannot deny. From the nonsensical way that Johnson and McNamara fought the Vietnam War, to Carter's humiliation in Iran, to our latest misadventure in Kosovo, the truth is there for all to see.

The liberal mentality simply is not equipped to deal with the harsh realities of war. They do not understand the first thing about using military force, about protecting America's national interest or about what is required to defeat a determined enemy. Vietnam, Iran hostages and now Bill Clinton's war in Kosovo. The liberals voted against using military force in the Persian Gulf when U.S. interests were clearly at stake, but where U.S. interests are not at stake, such as Haiti or Kosovo, then they are for military force.

This is liberalism in the full glory of its contradictions and wrongheadedness. I only can pray that the soldiers, sailors and aviators who must put their lives on the line do not suffer for the naivete and the incompetence of the armchair liberals in this administration.

DEMOCRATS WANT MEANINGFUL  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, today Democrats are lining up for reform. We have had enough. We have had enough Republican leadership excuses. We have had enough delay. We want meaningful campaign finance reform.

We are here lined up to sign a discharge petition to discharge all of the proposals, by both Republicans and Democrats, for a full and fair debate on the floor of this House.

□ 1030

Last year the Republicans delayed as long as they could until this discharge petition was approved. They finally had to bring the bill to the floor, and then they tried to filibuster it to death with amendments.

When that filibuster failed, every single member of the Republican leadership, including the gentleman from Illinois (Speaker HASTERT) voted no